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SUBJECT: LOS: TURKISH CONCERNS ON AEGEAN ISSUE

1. TURKISH CHARGE AYDIN YEGEN CALLED ON JOHN NORTON MOORE, THE DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NSC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, ON DECEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS TURKISH CONCERN ON AEGEAN ISSUE IN LOS CONFERENCE. YEGEN STATED THAT WHILE IN SHORT-TERM THE CYPRUS ISSUE WAS MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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DANGEROUS, IN LONG-TERM, GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE IN AEGEAN

WAS MOST CRITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. YEGEN REVIEWED TURKISH CONCERN OVER EFFECTS ON NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT THROUGH EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA TO 12 MILES. HE PRESENTED A MAP ILLUSTRATION THAT POSSIBLE GOG ASSERTION OF A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WOULD LARGELY BLOCK OFF AEGEAN AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR TURKISH SHIPS AND PLANES TO ENTER PORTS SUCH AS IZMIR AND ISTANBUL WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE WARNED THAT THIS WOULD UPSET BALANCE OF POWER IN AREA AND TURKEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS. HE URGED THAT LOS CONFERENCE NOT ADOPT TREATY PROVISION WHICH DEALS WITH THIS ISSUE AND THAT SUCH ISSUES BE LEFT TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED. TURKEY WILL WORK TO HAVE TREATY MODIFY ANY 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA RULE TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS THOSE WHICH EXIST OFF TURKISH AEGEAN COAST.

IF NO SUCH SPECIAL PROVISION IS MADE, YEGEN STATED, TURKEY WOULD OPPOSE 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA IN AEGEAN AND, PRESUMABLY, WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE EXTENSION OF GREEK CLAIMS. YEGEN INDICATED THAT AEGEAN DISPUTE ALSO EXTENDED TO CONTINENTAL MARGIN SEABED MINERALS. YEGEN SAID THAT TURKEY WAS WILLING TO TRY TO WORK OUT AEGEAN QUESTION BILATERALLY WITH GREECE AND HAD OFFERED TO DO SO IN EARLY SUMMER.

2. YEGEN STATED THAT TURKEY WAS MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH IN OTHER CAPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR TURKISH POSITION. TURKEY'S APPROACH IS TO STRESS THAT IF PARTICIPANTS IN LOS CONFERENCE TRY TO IGNORE THIS ISSUE BY AGREEING ON VERY GENERAL PROVISION ON 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, THIS WILL LEAD TO POSSIBLY VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH CAN AFFECT OTHER COUNTRIES, REFERRING TO FACT THAT GREECE AND TURKEY WERE ON VERGE OF WAR THIS SUMMER.

3. YEGEN REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR TURKISH POSITION AND INDICATED THAT TURKEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING FULL RANGE OF LOS ISSUES WITH U.S. (SUGGESTING THAT TURKISH SUPPORT FOR OTHER LOS ISSUES IMPORTANT TO U.S. MAY BE TIED TO U.S. WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT TURKISH VIEWS) AND THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER. MOORE EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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APPRECIATION FOR CLOSENESS WITH WHICH OUR DELEGATIONS HAVE WORKED IN THE LOS CONFERENCE AND INDICATED WE WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO TURKISH VIEWS.

4. YEGEN ALSO CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN JANUARY 8 TO REITERATE TURKISH ARGUMENTS. WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT U.S. AND OTHERS FIRMLY SUPPORTED RIGHT OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT WHERE TWELVE-MILE LIMIT CLOSED

OFF STRAITS, HE REPLIED THAT DID NOT SOLVE TURKISH PROBLEM FOR SEVERAL REASONS, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF CLOSURE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES AND PREJUDICIAL EFFECT ON MINERALS, SHIPPING AND OTHER RIGHTS. HARTMAN SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT TURKISH POSITION WAS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND THE U.S. WOULD REPLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. COMMENT- U.S. IS OPPOSED TO EFFORTS TO RESOLVE GREEK-TURK DISPUTE IN CONTEXT OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS. WE VIEW DISPUTE AS BETWEEN NATO ALLIES AS SERIOUS MATTER AND AS ONE REQUIRING RESOLUTIONS THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE EITHER SIDE IN DEVELOPMENT OF MULTILATERAL TREATY ARTICLES UNLIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION AND MIGHT SERIOUSLY ERODE CHANCES OF GENERAL SOLUTION AND MIGHT SERIOUSLY ERODE CHANCE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT IN LOS CONFERENCE. U.S. THEREFORE PREFERS DIRECT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT. IS PRESENTLY EXAMINING POSSIBILITY OF MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ENCOURAGING SUCH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE AEGEAN DISPUTE. OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISER HAS UNDER STUDY POSSIBLE GROUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT. BOTH SIDES HAVE REPEATEDLY APPROACHED US FOR SUPPORT. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSIES ASSESSMENT POSSIBILITY OF U.S. TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ENCOURAGING SETTLEMENT OF AEGEAN DISPUTE AND WHAT APPROACH LIKELY TO BE MOST PRODUCTIVE IN THIS REGARD.

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